

Amendment to the SpecificationPage 3, lines 10-18:

Referring to Fig. 1, a section of a fuel cell stack Z having 12 fuel cells 8, with cooler plates 9 of the present invention disposed between every other fuel cell 8. That is, there is one cooler plate 9 for each pair of fuel cells 8. Each of the cooler plates 9 has a portion 12 that extends beyond the general plane of the edges of the fuel cell (12, 13) which contain inlet and outlet channels 15, which, for example, may comprise inlet channels within the protrusion 12 and outlet channels within the protrusion 13 (or vice versa), with coolant flow channels extending therebetween.